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SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE WORLD SOCIAL SITUATION AND TO YOUTH, AGEING, DISABLED PERSONS AND THE FAMILY

Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Belgium, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Iceland, Indonesia, Italy, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Morocco, Myanmar, Norway, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Romania, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Yugoslavia: draft resolution

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priorities for global activities and programmes during the second half of the Decade, such as those set forth in the annex to the resolution,

Recalling further the request to the Secretary-General made in its resolution 45/91 of 14 December 1990, to shift the focus of the United Nations programme on disability from awareness-raising to action, with the aim of achieving a society for all by the year 2010, and considering that appropriate means will be required to achieve this,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1991/9 of 30 May 1991, in which the Council invited Member States to review their policies and programmes with the aim of designing national annual priorities until the end of the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons in 1992 and concrete long-term strategies to ensure the full implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons beyond the Decade,

Welcoming the progress made by the ad hoc open-ended working group established by the Commission for Social Development to elaborate standard rules on the equalization of opportunities for persons with disabilities,

Noting with concern the deteriorating economic and social situation of many developing countries, which adversely affect vulnerable groups, including persons with disabilities,

Aware of the need for new and concerted efforts, more vigorous and broader action, and measures at all levels to fulfil the objectives of the Decade,

Expressing its appreciation for the efforts of a number of Member States during the Decade to improve the conditions and well-being of persons with disabilities and the willingness of those States to involve persons with disabilities and their organization in all matters of concern to them,

Noting with appreciation the generous support to the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons provided by some Governments through voluntary contributions,

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Recognizing the World Congress of Rehabilitation International, the World Congress of Disabled Peoples' International, the World Congress Blind Union, Independence '92, and other such important events to be held in 1992 as important activities helping both to mark the end of the Decade and to launch future efforts for the disabled,

Commending the work being carried out by the United Nations Statistical Office and welcoming its publication of the Disability Statistics Compendium, 2/

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons and the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons, 3/

Desirous of encouraging the continued and practical implementation of the World Programme of Action beyond the Decade,

1. Reiterates the need to achieve the objectives set out in the agenda for action until the end of the United Nations Decade for Disabled Persons and beyond, 4/ and the preliminary outline of a long-term strategy to the year 2000 and beyond: a society for all, 5/ contained in the report of the Secretary-General on the feasibility study on alternative ways to mark the end of the Decade; 6/

2. Affirms that, in implementing the agenda for action, special attention should be given to persons with disabilities in developing countries;

3. Invites Member States, all organizations of the United Nations system and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to review and evaluate, with the active participation of persons with disabilities, their current disability-related policies, programmes and available services with a view to identifying areas in which major progress has been achieved, as well as obstacles encountered in the prevention, rehabilitation and equalization of opportunities;

2/ United Nations publication, Sales No. 90.XVII.17.

3/ A/46/366.

4/ A/45/470, sect. III.

5/ Ibid., sect. IV.

6/ A/45/470.

4. Also invites all organizations of the United Nations system to incorporate the needs and concerns of persons with disabilities in their programmes and activities both as active agents and beneficiaries;

5. Stresses the need, within existing resources, for priority to be given to action-oriented programmes that will renew international consensus on and elicit a sustained political commitment by Member States to the implementation of the World Programme of Action beyond the Decade and will ensure the continued improvement of the situation of persons with disabilities;

6. Endorses the Beijing Guidelines for the Establishment and Development of National Coordinating Committees on Disability contained in document A/C.3/46/___;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the Beijing Guidelines are disseminated as widely as possible and to assist Member States in undertaking follow-up measures, especially training seminars, to promote their implementation;

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7/ A/C.3/46/4, annex I.

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NARCOTIC DRUGS

Bolivia, Colombia, Cuba, Ecuador, Mexico and Peru:
draft resolution

Respect for the principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and international law in the fight against drug abuse and illicit trafficking

The General Assembly,

Conscious that the adoption of the Political Declaration and the Global Programme of Action 1/ at the seventeenth special session of the General Assembly, devoted to the question of international cooperation against illicit production, supply, demand, trafficking and distribution of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, was an important step in the harmonization of the efforts of all to combat this scourge of mankind,

Reaffirming the purpose of the United Nations to develop friendly relations among nations based on respect for the principle of equal rights and self-determination of peoples, and to take other appropriate measures to strengthen universal peace,

Convinced that an intensification of international cooperation and concerted action among States is the fundamental basis for confronting the problem of drug abuse and illicit trafficking,

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1/ Resolution S-17/2, annex.

Recognizing that the international fight against illicit trafficking should be pursued in full conformity with the principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations, and the principles of international law, particularly respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of States, non-interference in the internal affairs of States, and non-use of force or the threat of force in international relations,

1. Reaffirms that the fight against drug abuse and illicit trafficking should continue to be based on strict respect for the principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and international law, particularly respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of States, non-interference in the internal affairs of States, and non-use of force or the threat of force in international relations;

2. Calls upon all States to intensify their actions to promote effective cooperation in the efforts to combat drug abuse and illicit trafficking, so as to contribute to a climate conducive to achieving this end, and to refrain from using the issue for political purposes;

3. Affirms that the international fight against drug trafficking should not in any way justify violation of the principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and international law, particularly the right of all peoples freely to determine, without external interference, their political status and to pursue their economic, social and cultural development, and that every State has the duty to respect this right in accordance with the provisions of the Charter;

4. Invites the Secretary-General, in preparing the report he is to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session, and the Executive Director of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme, in carrying out the activities of the Programme, to give due consideration to the principles set out in the present resolution;

5. Decides to consider at its forty-seventh session the question of respect for the principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and international law in the fight against drug abuse and illicit trafficking under the item entitled "Narcotic drugs".

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REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Bulgaria, Burundi, Chile, Costa Rica, Cuba, Cyprus, Ethiopia, France, Greece, Iraq, Ireland, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Nicaragua, Oman, Philippines, Sudan, Sweden and Union of Soviet Socialist Republics: draft decision

Non-governmental organizations

The General Assembly, taking note of Economic and Social Council decision 1991/219 of 22 May 1991, requests the Economic and Social Council to review at its regular session of 1992, the conditions necessary for the effective functioning of the Non-Governmental Organizations Unit.

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Germany: amendment to draft resolution contained in document A/C.3/46/L.4

Monitoring of international plans and programmes of action in the field of social development

Insert the following additional operative paragraph after operative paragraph 11:

12. Endorses the recommendations of the Secretary-General contained in section 11, paragraph 3 of his report entitled "Implementation of the Guiding Principles for Developmental Social Welfare Policies and Programmes in the Near Future" (A/46/414) and emphasizes the need that the activities in this field be carried out within existing resources.

and renumber the following paragraph accordingly.

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HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATIONS AND REPORTS OF SPECIAL RAPPORTEURS AND REPRESENTATIVES

Note by the Secretariat

For the convenience of delegations, the Secretariat circulates herewith an updated list of documents before the Third Committee under item 98 entitled "Human rights questions".

Communications received for circulation under item 98

Symbol	Title
A/46/67	Letter dated 14 January from the Permanent Representative of Luxembourg to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General;
A/46/70	Letter dated 17 January from the Permanent Representative of Luxembourg to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General;
A/46/71*- E/1991/9*	Letter dated 19 January 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Greece to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General;
A/46/72	Letter dated 24 January 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Panama to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General;
A/46/81	Letter dated 5 February 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Myanmar to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General;
A/46/83	Letter dated 8 February 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Myanmar to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General;
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A/46/95	Letter dated 26 February 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Luxembourg to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General;
A/46/96	Letter dated 27 February 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Luxembourg to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General;
A/46/99	Letter dated 28 February 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Luxembourg to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General;
A/46/117	Letter dated 12 March 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Luxembourg to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General;
A/46/121	Letter dated 25 March 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Luxembourg to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General;
A/46/135	Letter dated 8 April 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Luxembourg to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General;
A/46/166- E/1991/71	Note verbale dated 6 May 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Albania to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General;
A/46/183	Letter dated 20 May 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Luxembourg to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General;
A/46/184- E/1991/81	Note verbale dated 21 May 1991 from the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General;
A/46/205*	Letter dated 29 May 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Brazil to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General;
A/46/210	Letter dated 28 May 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Luxembourg to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General;
A/46/226	Letter dated 5 June 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Myanmar to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General;
A/46/260	Letter dated 14 June 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Germany to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General;
A/46/270	Letter dated 24 June 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Luxembourg to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General;

A/46/290	Letter dated 1 July 1991 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General;
A/46/292-S/22769	Letter dated 7 July 1991 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Albania to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General;
A/46/294	Letter dated 9 July 1991 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Albania to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General;
A/46/304-S/22796	Note verbale dated 15 July 1991 from the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General;
A/46/312	Letter dated 2 July 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly;
A/46/322	Letter dated 23 July 1991 from the representatives of Germany and Poland to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General;
A/46/331	Letter dated 30 July 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General;
A/46/332	Letter dated 30 July 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General;
A/46/351	Letter dated 5 August 1991 from the Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General;
A/46/367	Letter dated 5 August 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Peru to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General;
A/46/402	Letter dated 29 August 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Myanmar to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General;
A/46/424	Letter dated 5 September 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Peru to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General;
A/46/467	Letter dated 12 September 1991 from the representatives of Hungary and Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General;
A/46/485	Letter dated 17 September 1991 from the Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General;
A/46/486-S/23055	Letter dated September 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General;

A/46/493	Letter dated 23 September 1991 from the Permanent Representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General;
A/46/526	Letter dated 1 October 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Chile to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General;
A/46/582	Letter dated 18 October 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Belarus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General;
A/46/587*	Letter dated 21 October 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General;
A/46/598- S/23166	Letter dated October 1991 from the Permanent Representative of to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General;

Item 98 (a): Implementation of human rights instruments

A/46/3	Report of the Economic and Social Council, Chap.VI, Sect.C;
A/46/40	Report of the Human Rights Committee;
A/46/46	Report of the Committee against Torture (General Assembly resolution 39/46);
A/46/392	Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (General Assembly resolution 45/104);
A/46/393	Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the Optional Protocols to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (General Assembly resolution 45/135);
A/46/394	Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (General Assembly resolution 45/142);
A/46/503	Report of the Secretary-General on the effective implementation of United Nations instruments on human rights and effective functioning of bodies established pursuant to such instruments (General Assembly resolution 45/85 of 14 December 1990);
A/46/395	Note by the Secretary-General on the implementation of the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (General Assembly resolution 45/158);
A/46/490	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (E/1991/23) (Economic and Social Council resolution 1991/33);
A/46/618	Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the United Nations Voluntary Fund on Torture;

Item 98 (b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

A/46/3 Report of the Economic and Social Council, Chap. VI, Sect. C;

Matters calling for action by the General Assembly:

By its resolution 1991/29, entitled "Question of a draft body of principles for the protection of persons with mental illness and for the improvement of mental health care", the Council, after recalling Commission on Human Rights resolution 10 A (XXXIII) and Council resolution 1989/76, decided to submit the draft body of principles for the protection of persons with mental illness and for the improvement of mental health care and the report of the working group of the Commission to the General Assembly, at its forty-sixth session, with a view to the adoption of the body of principles (see document A/46/421).

By its resolution 1991/34, entitled "United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery", the Council, after recalling its decisions 16 (LVI) and 17 (LVI) and having taken note of Commission on Human Rights resolution 1991/58, requested the General Assembly to establish, and gave criteria for, the United Nations Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery.

A/46/24 Report of the Preparatory Committee for the World Conference on Human Rights (General Assembly resolution 45/155);

A/46/473 Report of the Secretary-General on torture and inhuman treatment of children in detention in South Africa (General Assembly resolution 45/144);

A/46/542 Report of the Secretary-General on human rights and mass exoduses (General Assembly resolution 45/153);

A/46/543 Report of the Secretary-General on the preparation and organization of the International Year for the World's Indigenous Peoples (General Assembly resolution 45/164);

A/46/603 Report of the Secretary-General on developments relating to the activities of the Centre for Human Rights (General Assembly resolution 45/180);

A/46/609 and Add.1 Report of the Secretary-General in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 45/150;

A/46/616 Report of the Secretary-General in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 45/151;

A/46/420 Note by the Secretary-General transmitting his updated report on national institutions for the protection and promotion of human rights (E/CN.4/1991/23 and Add.1) (General Assembly resolution 44/64);

A/46/421 Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the draft body of principles for the protection of persons with mental illness and for the improvement of mental health care (Economic and Social Council resolution 1991/29);

A/46/422 Note by the Secretary-General on the question of a draft model text for national legislation in the field of human rights in the administration of justice (E/CN.4/Sub.2/1991/26) (General Assembly resolution 45/166);

A/46/504 Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the "Comprehensive report of the Secretary-General prepared in accordance with Commission on Human Rights resolution 1990/18 (Right to development) (E/CN.4/1991/12 and Add.1) (General Assembly resolution 45/97);

A/C.3/46/L.2 Note by the Secretariat transmitting draft resolution entitled "Respect for the will of the people of Myanmar (General Assembly decision 45/432);

A/C.3/46/L.3 Note by the Secretariat transmitting draft resolution entitled "Non-discrimination and protection of minorities" (General Assembly decision 45/434).

Item 98 (c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

A/46/3 Report of the Economic and Social Council, Chap. VI, Sect. C;

A/46/401 Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the preliminary report on the situation of human rights in South Africa prepared by the Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts on Southern Africa 1/ (Economic and Social Council decision 1991/237);

A/46/446 Note by the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in southern Lebanon (Economic and Social Council decision 1991/268);

A/46/529 Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in El Salvador 2/ (Economic and Social Council decision 1991/257);

A/46/544 Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the preliminary report on the situation of human rights in Kuwait under Iraqi occupation prepared by the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights 3/ (Economic and Social Council decision 1991/251);

1/ Mr. Leliel Miluin Balanda
Chairman/Rapporteur of the Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts on Southern Africa

2/ Mr. Jose Antonio Pastor Ridruejo
Special Representative on the situation of human rights in El Salvador

3/ Mr. Walter Kalin
Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Kuwait under Iraqi occupation

A/46/606 Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report on the situation of human rights in Afghanistan prepared by the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights 4/ (Economic and Social Council decision 1991/259);

A/46/_ Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report on the situation of human rights in Iraq prepared by the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights 5/ (Economic and Social Council decision 1991/256);

4/ Mr. Felix Ermacora
Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Afghanistan

5/ Mr. Max van der Stoel
Special Rappporteur on the situation of human rights in Iraq

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HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTIONS

HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTIONS, INCLUDING ALTERNATIVE APPROACHES FOR IMPROVING THE EFFECTIVE ENJOYMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS

Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Belarus, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Colombia, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, Comoros, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Indonesia, Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Norway, Panama, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Samoa, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Spain, Sweden, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Uruguay, Venezuela and Yugoslavia: draft resolution

World Conference on Human Rights

The General Assembly,

Mindful of the goal of the United Nations to promote and encourage respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion, as set out in the Charter of the United Nations and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, 1/

1/ Resolution 217 A (III).

Recognizing that all human rights and fundamental freedoms are indivisible and interrelated and that the promotion and protection of one category of rights should never exempt or excuse States from the promotion and protection of another,

Noting that violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms continue to occur,

Bearing in mind that all Member States have pledged themselves to achieve the promotion of universal respect for and observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms in conformity with relevant articles of the Charter,

Noting the progress made by the United Nations towards this goal and the fact that there are areas in which further progress should be made,

Recalling its resolution 45/155 of 18 December 1990 in which it decided, inter alia, to convene at a high level a World Conference on Human Rights in 1993 and to establish a Preparatory Committee for the World Conference,

Taking note of Commission on Human Rights resolution 1991/30 of 5 March 1991 entitled "World Conference on Human Rights", and in particular the recommendations contained in the annex to that resolution,

Taking note once again of the views and recommendations expressed by Governments, specialized agencies, other international organizations, concerned United Nations bodies, regional organizations and non-governmental organizations concerned with human rights contained in the report of the Secretary-General, 2/

Welcoming the appointment of the Under-Secretary-General for Human Rights as Secretary-General of the World Conference,

1. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Preparatory Committee on its first session; 3/

2. Expresses its appreciation to Governments, the bodies and organs of the United Nations system, and non-governmental organizations for their contributions to the preparatory meetings;

3. Decides that the Preparatory Committee, at its second session, will base the elaboration of the provisional agenda for the World Conference on Human Rights of 1993 on paragraph 1 of resolution 45/155;

2/ A/45/564 and Add.1.

3/ A/46/24.

4. Decides, in accordance with the decisions adopted by the Preparatory Committee:

(a) (i) That the provisional agenda for the World Conference and the documentation related thereto be taken up by the Preparatory Committee at its second session;

(ii) That the draft rules of procedure for the World Conference be taken up by the Preparatory Committee at its second session;

(iii) That the World Conference be convened at Berlin, for a period of two weeks in 1993;

(iv) That the Secretary-General give the conference and the preparatory process thereto the widest possible publicity and ensure full coordination of public information activities in the area of human rights within the United Nations system;

(b) That the Preparatory Committee will meet for three further sessions at Geneva, twice in 1992 and once in 1993, the next session to last two weeks and the two further sessions one to two weeks each if this is agreed to be necessary, and decides also that no more than two meetings take place simultaneously during the session of the Preparatory Committee and that no inter-sessional working group be established;

(c) To reiterate its invitation for contributions of extrabudgetary resources to meet the costs of participation of representatives of the least developed countries in the preparatory meetings, including regional meetings and the World Conference itself, and to request the Secretary-General to intensify his efforts in this regard;

(d) That, in accordance with the objectives and provisions of General Assembly resolution 45/155, regional meetings be convened for each region that so desires within the institutional framework or with the assistance of the regional commissions and that these meetings be financed as part of the preparatory work for the World Conference, as recommended for consideration by the Commission on Human Rights in paragraph 8 of the annex to its resolution 1991/30;

(e) To request the Secretary-General to prepare the following documentation as soon as possible and to report to the next session of the Preparatory Committee on the progress made on:

(i) A limited number of short, analytical and action-oriented studies on issues referred to in paragraph 1 of General Assembly resolution 45/155, Commission on Human Rights resolution 1991/30 and in particular in paragraph 2 of the annex thereto, and also bearing in mind documentation prepared for, as well as statements made at, the first session of the Preparatory Committee;

(ii) Reports of meetings that have been organized under the auspices of the United Nations human rights programme pursuant to General Assembly resolution 45/155;

(iii) A reference guide to all United Nations studies and reports on human rights or related aspects;

(iv) An update of the publication United Nations Action in the Field of Human Rights;

(v) An update of the Compilation of International Instruments and the Status of International Instruments, including also texts of regional instruments on human rights;

The Assembly notes, moreover, that the Preparatory Committee decided that the experts and consultants employed for this purpose should be selected with due regard to equitable geographical distribution;

(f) To encourage the Chairman of the Commission on Human Rights, the chairpersons or other designated members of human rights bodies, including the chairpersons of bodies established under international human rights instruments or their designated representatives, as well as special and thematic rapporteurs and the chairpersons or designated members of working groups, to contribute as observers by taking part as appropriate in the work of the Preparatory Committee and the World Conference;

5. Renews its request to Governments, the specialized agencies, other international organizations, concerned United Nations bodies, regional organizations and non-governmental organizations concerned with human rights to assist the Preparatory Committee and to undertake reviews and submit recommendations on the World Conference and its preparation to the Preparatory Committee through the Secretary-General and to participate actively in the World Conference;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to encourage initiatives at the national, regional and international levels designed to make the World Conference process a success;

7. Also requests the Secretary-General to provide the Preparatory Committee with all necessary assistance;

8. Requests the Preparatory Committee to report to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session on progress in the work of the Committee.

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HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTIONS

HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTIONS, INCLUDING ALTERNATIVE APPROACHES FOR IMPROVING THE EFFECTIVE ENJOYMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS

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1/ Resolution 217 A (III).

Recognizing that all human rights and fundamental freedoms are indivisible and interrelated and that the promotion and protection of one category of rights should never exempt or excuse States from the promotion and protection of another,

Noting that violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms continue to occur,

Bearing in mind that all Member States have pledged themselves to achieve the promotion of universal respect for and observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms in conformity with relevant articles of the Charter,

Noting the progress made by the United Nations towards this goal and the fact that there are areas in which further progress should be made,

Recalling its resolution 45/155 of 18 December 1990 in which it decided, inter alia, to convene at a high level a World Conference on Human Rights in 1993 and to establish a Preparatory Committee for the World Conference,

Taking note of Commission on Human Rights resolution 1991/30 of 5 March 1991 entitled "World Conference on Human Rights", and in particular the recommendations contained in the annex to that resolution,

Taking note of the views and recommendations expressed by Governments, specialized agencies, other international organizations, concerned United Nations bodies, regional organizations and non-governmental organizations concerned with human rights contained in the report of the Secretary-General, 2/

Welcoming the appointment of the Under-Secretary-General for Human Rights as Secretary-General of the World Conference,

1. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Preparatory Committee on its first session; 3/

2. Expresses its appreciation to Governments, the bodies and organs of the United Nations system, and non-governmental organizations for their contributions to the preparatory meetings;

3. Decides that the Preparatory Committee, at its second session, will base the elaboration of the provisional agenda for the World Conference on Human Rights of 1993 on operative paragraph 1 of resolution 45/155;

2/ A/CONF.157/PC/6.

3/ A/46/24.

4. Decides, in accordance with the decisions adopted by the Preparatory Committee:

I. (a) That the provisional agenda for the World Conference and the documentation related thereto be taken up by the Preparatory Committee at its second session;

(b) That the draft rules of procedure for the World Conference be taken up by the Preparatory Committee at its second session;

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(d) That the Secretary-General give the conference and the preparatory process thereto the widest possible publicity and ensure full coordination of public information activities in the area of human rights within the United Nations system;

II. That the Preparatory Committee will meet for three further sessions at Geneva, twice in 1992 and once in 1993, the next session to last two weeks and the two further sessions one to two weeks each if this is agreed to be necessary, and decides also that no more than two meetings take place simultaneously during the session of the Preparatory Committee and that no inter-sessional working group be established;

III. To reiterate its invitation for contributions of extrabudgetary resources to meet the costs of participation of representatives of the least developed countries in the preparatory meetings, including regional meetings and the World Conference itself, and to request the Secretary-General to intensify his efforts in this regard;

IV. That, in accordance with the objectives and provisions of General Assembly resolution 45/155, regional meetings be convened for each region that so desires within the institutional framework or with the assistance of the regional commissions and that these meetings be financed as part of the preparatory work for the World Conference, as recommended for consideration by the Commission on Human Rights in paragraph 8 of the annex to its resolution 1991/30;

V. To request the Secretary-General to prepare the following documentation as soon as possible and to report to the next session of the Preparatory Committee on the progress made on:

(1) A limited number of short, analytical and action-oriented studies on issues referred to in paragraph 1 of General Assembly resolution 45/155, Commission on Human Rights resolution 1991/30 and in particular in paragraph 2 of the annex thereto, and also bearing in mind documentation prepared for, as well as statements made at, the first session of the Preparatory Committee;

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(4) An update of the publication United Nations Action in the Field of Human Rights;

(5) An update of the Compilation of International Instruments and the Status of International Instruments, including also texts of regional instruments on human rights;

To note, further, that the Preparatory Committee decided that the experts and consultants employed for this purpose should be selected with due regard to equitable geographical distribution;

IV. To encourage the Chairman of the Commission on Human Rights, the chairpersons or other designated members of human rights bodies, including the chairpersons of bodies established under international human rights instruments or their designated representatives, as well as special and thematic rapporteurs and the chairpersons or designated members of working groups, to contribute as observers by taking part as appropriate in the work of the Preparatory Committee and the World Conference;

5. Renews its request to Governments, the specialized agencies, other international organizations, concerned United Nations bodies, regional organizations and non-governmental organizations concerned with human rights to assist the Preparatory Committee and to undertake reviews and submit recommendations on the World Conference and its preparation to the Preparatory Committee through the Secretary-General and to participate actively in the World Conference;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to encourage initiatives at the national, regional and international levels designed to make the World Conference process a success;

7. Also requests the Secretary-General to provide the Preparatory Committee with all necessary assistance;

8. Requests the Preparatory Committee to report to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session on progress in the work of the Committee.

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REPORT OF THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES, QUESTIONS RELATING TO REFUGEES AND DISPLACED PERSONS AND HUMANITARIAN QUESTIONS

Austria, Ethiopia, Hungary, Philippines and Singapore: draft resolution

Enlargement of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

The General Assembly,

Taking note of Economic and Social Council resolutions 1991/1 of 23 May 1991 and 1991/63 of 26 July 1991 on the enlargement of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees,

Taking note also of the note verbale dated 27 September 1990 from the Permanent Representative of Ethiopia to the United Nations 1/ and the note verbale dated 23 May 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Hungary to the United Nations 2/ addressed to the Secretary-General regarding the enlargement of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees,

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1/ E/1990/121.

2/ E/1991/101 and Corr.1.

1. Decides to increase the membership of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees from forty-four to forty-six;

2. Requests the Economic and Social Council to elect the two additional members at its regular session in 1992.

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Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Chile, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Malawi, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America: draft resolution

Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees on the activities of her Office, 1/ as well as the report of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner on the work of its forty-second session, 2/ and having heard the statement made by the High Commissioner on 7 November 1991, 3/

Recalling its resolution 45/140 of 14 December 1990,

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 12 (A/46/12).

2/ A/46/12/Add.1.

3/ A/C.3/46/SR.34.

Reaffirming the purely humanitarian and non-political character of the activities of the Office of the High Commissioner, as well as the fundamental importance of the High Commissioner's international protection function and the need for States to cooperate with the High Commissioner in the exercise of this primary and essential responsibility,

Welcoming the High Commissioner's commitment to address refugee situations through a threefold strategy consisting of the enhancement of the emergency preparedness and response mechanisms of the Office of the High Commissioner, the concerted pursuit of the preferred durable solution of voluntary repatriation and by promoting solutions through preventive measures,

Noting with satisfaction that one hundred and nine States are now parties to the 1951 Convention 4/ and/or the 1967 Protocol 5/ relating to the Status of Refugees,

Welcoming the valuable support extended by Governments to the Office of the High Commissioner in carrying out its humanitarian tasks,

Bearing in mind that the relationship between human rights and refugee flows merits further consideration,

Noting with concern that, despite developments that offer hope for solutions to refugee problems, refugees and displaced persons of concern to the Office of the High Commissioner have increased in number and their protection continues to be seriously jeopardized in many situations as a result of non-admission, expulsion, refoulement and unjustified detention, as well as other threats to their physical security, dignity and well-being, and lack of respect for fundamental human rights,

Welcoming the commitment of the Office of the High Commissioner to improve the situation of refugee women and children, who represent the majority of refugee populations, and who in many cases are exposed to a variety of difficult situations affecting their physical and legal protection as well as their psychological and material well-being,

Conscious of the link between international protection and resettlement as an instrument of protection and of the need for the international community to continue to provide adequate resettlement places for those refugees for whom no other durable solution is in sight,

Commending those States that, despite severe economic and development challenges of their own, continue to admit large numbers of refugees and displaced persons of concern to the Office of the High Commissioner into their

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4/ United Nations, Treaty Series, vol. 189, No. 2545.

5/ Ibid., vol. 606, No. 8791.

territories, and emphasizing the need to share the burden of these States to the maximum extent possible through international assistance, including development-oriented assistance,

Commending the Office of the High Commissioner and its staff for the dedicated manner in which they discharge their responsibilities, and paying special tribute to those staff members who have lost their lives in the course of their duties,

1. Strongly reaffirms the fundamental nature of the function of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to provide international protection and the need for States to cooperate fully with the Office in fulfilling this function, in particular by acceding to and fully and effectively implementing the relevant international and regional refugee instruments;

2. Recognizes the need to keep issues related to refugees, asylum-seekers and other migratory flows firmly on the international political agenda, especially the question of solution-oriented approaches to deal with today's refugee problems;

3. Recognizes also that the current size and complexity of the world refugee situation require vigorous promotion of existing protection principles, as well as full and open debate on new directions for protection and on further development of the law, paying particular attention to the responsibilities of States to resolve refugee situations and, especially with respect to countries of origin, to address and try to eradicate causes of refugee flows;

4. Calls upon all States to refrain from taking measures that jeopardize the institution of asylum, in particular by returning or expelling refugees and asylum-seekers contrary to the fundamental prohibitions against these practices, and urges States to ensure fair and efficient determination procedures and to continue to give humane treatment and grant asylum to refugees;

5. Condemns all violations of the rights and safety of refugees and asylum-seekers, in particular those perpetrated by military or armed attacks against refugee camps and settlements and forced recruitment into armed forces;

6. Recognizes that growing misuse of asylum procedures could compromise the institution of asylum and the maintenance of fair and efficient refugee status determination procedures, and endorses the general conclusion on international protection, in particular in relation to refugee status determination, adopted by the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees at its forty-second session; 6/

6/ A/46/12/Add.1, para. 21.

7. Endorses the conclusion on refugee children adopted by the Executive Committee of the Programme of the High Commissioner at its forty-second session, 7/ including the decision to establish a new post of coordinator of refugee children within the Office of the High Commissioner;

8. Commends the High Commissioner on the guidelines on protection of refugee women, 8/ which provides a practical means of ensuring the protection of refugee women, including through the delivery of appropriate assistance programmes, and calls upon States, relevant agencies of the United Nations system and other organizations, whether governmental, intergovernmental or non-governmental, to implement these guidelines;

9. Stresses the overriding importance of attaining durable solutions to refugee problems and, in particular, the need to address in this process the root causes of refugee movements, and calls upon the High Commissioner actively to explore new options for preventive strategies that are consistent with protection principles, as well as ways in which State responsibility and burden-sharing mechanisms might be strengthened;

10. Underlines strongly State responsibility, particularly as it relates to the countries of origin, including addressing root causes, facilitating voluntary repatriation of refugees and the return, in accordance with international practice, of their nationals who are not refugees;

11. Urges all States and relevant organizations to support the Office of the High Commissioner in its efforts to search for durable solutions to the problem of refugees and displaced persons of concern to the Office, primarily through voluntary repatriation;

12. Acknowledges that at present there are important opportunities for resolving long-standing refugee situations and welcomes the intention of the High Commissioner to reinforce the efforts of her Office to encourage and promote voluntary repatriation of refugees and their safe reintegration in the countries of origin;

13. Recognizes the importance of pursuing resettlement as a last resort where no other durable solutions are available and the need for States to respond rapidly and with flexibility to evolving situations where resettlement is required to ensure the protection of the refugees concerned;

14. Welcomes the initiatives taken by the High Commissioner to enhance the capacity of her Office to respond to emergencies and, taking into account current deliberations on a United Nations system-wide response, encourages the High Commissioner to continue to work closely with other United Nations

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7/ Ibid., para. 25.

8/ Executive Committee document EC/SCP/59.

agencies, as well as other organizations, whether governmental, intergovernmental or non-governmental, to assure a coordinated and effective response to humanitarian emergency situations of a complex and protracted nature and calls upon Governments to assist in implementing these initiatives;

15. Endorses the decision of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the High Commissioner adopted at its forty-second session related to inter-agency cooperation and calls upon the High Commissioner to sustain her efforts in this area so that the multifaceted needs of refugees, returnees, displaced persons and their host communities might be better addressed, in particular through development initiatives by relevant United Nations agencies and programmes;

16. Expresses deep appreciation for the valuable material and humanitarian response of receiving countries, in particular those developing countries that, despite limited resources, continue to admit large numbers of refugees and asylum-seekers on a permanent or temporary basis;

17. Urges the international community, including non-governmental organizations, in accordance with the principle of international solidarity and in the spirit of burden-sharing, to continue to assist the above-mentioned countries and the High Commissioner in order to enable them to cope with the additional burden that the care for refugees and asylum-seekers represents;

18. Calls upon all Governments and other donors to contribute to the High Commissioner's programmes and, taking into account the need to achieve greater burden-sharing among donors, to assist the High Commissioner in securing additional and timely income from traditional governmental sources, other Governments and the private sector in order to ensure that the needs of refugees, returnees and displaced persons of concern to the Office of the High Commissioner are met.

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REPORT OF THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES, QUESTIONS RELATING TO REFUGEES AND DISPLACED PERSONS AND HUMANITARIAN QUESTIONS

Belize, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Finland, France, Guatemala, Honduras, Italy, Mexico, Morocco, Nicaragua, Norway, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Spain, Suriname, Sweden, Uruguay and Venezuela: draft resolution

International Conference on Central American Refugees

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 42/1 of 7 October 1987, 42/110 of 7 December 1987, 42/204 of 11 December 1987, 42/231 of 12 May 1988, 43/118 of 8 December 1988, 44/139 of 15 December 1989 and 45/141 of 14 December 1990,

Recalling also that the International Conference on Central American Refugees is related to the initiative of the Central American Presidents expressed in the procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace in Central America concluded at the Esquipulas II summit meeting in August 1987, 1/ as indicated in the San Salvador communiqué on the Central American refugees, of 9 September 1988, 2/

1/ A/42/521-S/19085, annex; see Official Records of the Security Council, Forty-second Year, Supplement for July, August and September 1987, document S/19085.

2/ A/C.3/43/6, annex.

Recognizing the importance and validity of the Concerted Plan of Action in favour of Central American Refugees, Returnees and Displaced Persons, agreed on at the International Conference on Central American Refugees held at Guatemala City in May 1989, the Declaration of that Conference 3/ and the Declaration of the first international meeting of the Follow-Up Committee established by the Conference, 4/ especially the framework contained in the Concerted Plan of Action,

Noting with satisfaction the concerted efforts being made by the Central American countries, Belize and Mexico, to find lasting solutions to the problems of the refugees, returnees and displaced persons in implementing the aims and objectives of the Concerted Plan of Action as an integral part of efforts to achieve a stable and lasting peace, and democratization of the region,

Welcoming the substantial progress in the process of pacification in EL Salvador whereby efforts are being made to consult with all national sectors; the peace dialogue in Guatemala, and the progress being made in Nicaragua in the implementation of its national reconciliation policy and in assistance to the uprooted populations, which progress continues to encourage movements of voluntary repatriation, and internal settlement of national displaced persons,

Recognizing the substantial support which the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the United Nations Development Programme inter alia and the community of cooperation personnel and national and international non-governmental organizations have given the Conference since its inception,

Convinced that peace, liberty, development and democracy are essential in order to solve the problem of uprooted populations in the region,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General, 5/ and of the report submitted by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees; 6/

2. Welcomes with satisfaction the outcome of the meeting of the Follow-Up Committee established by the Conference, held at San José, Costa Rica, on 2 and 3 April 1991, at San Pedro Sula, Honduras, from 17 to 19 June 1991, at Tegucigalpa, Honduras, on 13 and 14 August 1991 and at Managua, Nicaragua, on 25 and 26 October 1991;

3/ See A/44/527 and Corr.1 and 2, annex.

4/ CIREFCA/CS/90/10.

5/ A/46/435.

6/ See Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 12 (A/46/12), paras. 146-150; and A/46/12/Add.1, para. 28.

3. Urges the Central American countries, Belize and Mexico, to continue implementing and following-up the programmes benefiting refugees, returnees and displaced persons in accordance with their national development plans;

4. Reaffirms its conviction that the voluntary repatriation of refugees and the return of displaced persons to their countries or communities of origin is one of the most positive signs of the progress of peace in the region;

5. Expresses its conviction that the processes of return to and reintegration in the countries and communities of origin should take place in conditions of dignity and security and with the necessary guarantees to ensure that the affected populations are included in the respective national development plans;

6. Requests the Secretary-General, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the United Nations Development Programme and other organs of the United Nations system to continue their support for and involvement in the planning, implementation, evaluation and follow-up of the programmes generated through the Conference process;

7. Welcomes with satisfaction the progress made in the implementation of the Development Programme for Displaced Persons, Refugees and Repatriated Persons, and urges the Central American countries to continue their determined support to ensure that the Programme achieves its aims;

8. Appeals to the international community, particularly to the community of cooperation personnel, to continue and to strengthen their support for the Conference and to continue complying with the financing offered so as to be able effectively to achieve the goals and objectives of the Concerted Plan of Action, and to consolidate the progress made thus far in humanitarian assistance to refugees, repatriated and displaced persons of the region;

9. Supports the particular attention which the Central American countries, Belize and Mexico, are giving to the particular needs of refugee, repatriated and displaced women and children and to the measures being adopted to protect and improve the environment and to preserve ethnic and cultural values;

10. Supports also the decision of the Central American countries, Belize and Mexico, to convene the second international meeting of the Follow-Up Committee established by the Conference, at San Salvador in March 1992, for the purpose of evaluating the progress made thus far in the implementation of the Concerted Plan of Action and to define ways of improving its application at the meeting;

11. Supports the initiative of the Central American Governments, Belize and Mexico, to extend the duration of the International Conference process as long as may be necessary, in light of the new needs that have emerged following the changes in the region;

12. Requests the Secretary-General to report on the implementation of this resolution to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session.

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REPORT OF THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES, QUESTIONS RELATING TO REFUGEES AND DISPLACED PERSONS AND HUMANITARIAN QUESTIONS

Austria, Bahrain, Belgium, Canada, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Côte d'Ivoire, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Ethiopia, France, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guinea, Iceland, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malaysia, Morocco, Netherlands, Norway, Philippines, Somalia, Sudan, Sweden, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America and Zambia: draft resolution

Assistance to refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 45/139 of 14 December 1990 entitled "Emergency humanitarian assistance to Liberian refugees and displaced persons", as well as its resolutions 45/154 entitled "Assistance to refugees in Somalia", 45/156 entitled "Assistance to voluntary returnees and displaced persons in Chad", 45/157 entitled "Humanitarian assistance to refugees and displaced persons in Djibouti", 45/159 entitled "Assistance to refugees and displaced persons in Malawi", 45/160 entitled "Situation of refugees in the Sudan", 45/161 entitled "Assistance to refugees and returnees in Ethiopia", 45/171 entitled "Assistance to student refugees in southern Africa", all of 18 December 1990, and resolution 45/137 entitled "International Conference on the Plight of Refugees, Returnees and Displaced Persons in Southern Africa" of 14 December 1990,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General 1/ and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, 2/

Bearing in mind that the affected countries are least developed countries,

Convinced of the necessity to strengthen the capacity within the United Nations system for the implementation and the overall coordination of relief programmes for refugees, returnees and displaced persons,

Welcoming the prospects for voluntary repatriation and durable solutions across the continent,

Recognizing the need for States of origin to create conditions conducive to voluntary repatriation,

Noting with appreciation the commitment of the countries concerned to do their utmost to facilitate the provision of assistance to the affected populations and to take the necessary measures in this regard,

Realizing the importance of assisting the host countries, in particular those countries which have been hosting refugees for a longer time, to remedy environmental deterioration and the negative impact on public services and the development process,

Recognizing the catalytic role the High Commissioner plays, together with the international community and development agencies in the promotion of humanitarian aid and development with a view to finding durable and lasting solutions for refugees, returnees and displaced persons,

Deeply concerned about the critical humanitarian situation in the Horn of Africa and other African countries, caused by drought, conflict and population movements,

Welcoming the establishment by the Secretary-General of an office for a Special Emergency Programme for the Horn of Africa and its efforts to coordinate needs assessment and to mobilize resources,

Taking into account the consolidated inter-agency appeal for the Special Emergency Programme for the Horn of Africa,

Bearing in mind the necessity to facilitate the work of humanitarian organizations in the Horn of Africa, in particular the supply of food, medicine and health care to refugees, returnees and displaced persons,

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1/ A/46/371, A/46/428, A/46/429, A/46/430, A/46/431, A/46/432, A/46/433, A/46/434 and A/46/471.

2/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 12 and addendum (A/46/12 and Add.1).

Deeply concerned by the incessant inflow of externally displaced persons and refugees which has added considerably to the burden already being carried by Djibouti in respect of refugees in the country, and whose combined figure now stands at over 90,000,

Noting that according to the situation report No. 1 of 1 October 1991 issued by the office for the Special Emergency Programme for the Horn of Africa, in Djibouti, the ratio of refugees to nationals is nearing one to four, thereby posing a considerable burden on the country, in terms of security, a drain on economic resources and pressure on social services, given the alarming number of externally displaced persons and refugees and the size of the country and its population,

Bearing in mind also that the majority of externally displaced persons and refugees in Djibouti are concentrated in the country's main urban centres with all the implications that this may pose,

Recognizing the influxes of refugees and voluntary returnees and the presence of displaced persons in Ethiopia,

Deeply concerned about the massive presence of refugees, voluntary returnees and displaced persons in Ethiopia and the enormous burden this has placed on the country's infrastructure and meagre resources,

Deeply concerned also about the grave consequences this has entailed for Ethiopia's capability to grapple with the effects of the prolonged drought and rebuilding the country's economy,

Aware of the heavy burden placed on the Government of Ethiopia and of the need for immediate and adequate assistance to refugees, voluntary returnees, displaced persons and victims of natural disasters,

Aware of the burden placed on the Government of Kenya because of the recent influx of refugees from Somalia and Ethiopia,

Recognizing the efforts that have been made by the Government of Kenya with the assistance of the Office of the High Commissioner and other bilateral donors to deal with this emergency situation, and the need for further assistance to over 48,000 refugees still in Kenya,

Deeply concerned about the tragic impact which the civil war in Somalia has had on the lives of its population, affecting 4 to 5 million people who are either refugees in neighbouring countries or internally displaced, and are in need of urgent humanitarian assistance,

Welcoming the High Commissioner's initial repatriation plan and being aware that thousands of Somali refugees at present in other neigbouring countries and internally displaced persons who wish to return to their homes of origin require a planned and integrated international assistance programme designed to cover their basic needs,

Equally concerned about the plight of Ethiopian refugees remaining in Somalia who urgently need international assistance for their voluntary repatriation to their country of origin,

Deeply convinced that it is urgently necessary that humanitarian assistance to Somali refugees, returnees and displaced persons be mobilized and delivered without delay in view of the gravity of the situation,

Noting with appreciation that the Sudan is hosting, over an extended period of time, more than 780,000 refugees, and received an additional influx of nearly 100,000 Ethiopian refugees in May 1991, 3/ notwithstanding the consequent heavy burden shouldered by the people and the Government of the Sudan and in spite of the prevailing economic difficulties of the country,

Recognizing the efforts of the Government of the Sudan, the Government of Ethiopia and the Office of the High Commissioner for organizing the voluntary repatriation of the Ethiopian refugees despite the deterrent financial and logistical problems,

Emphasizing the need to help refugees by accomplishing the projects for refugee aid and development in refugee-affected areas of the Sudan in accordance with resolution 45/160,

Considering that the repatriation and reinsertion of returnees and relocation of displaced persons, aggravated by natural disasters, poses serious humanitarian, social and economic problems to the Government of Chad,

Cognizant of the appeal to Member States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to continue to provide the necessary assistance to the Government of Chad to alleviate its problems and improve its abilities to implement the programme of repatriation, reinsertion and relocation of voluntary returnees and displaced persons,

Noting with appreciation the continuing mediatory efforts of the Economic Community of West African States to find a peaceful solution to the Liberian crisis and important decisions reached at the meeting held at Yamasukro, Côte d'Ivoire, on 29 October 1991, which could lead to a final settlement,

Bearing in mind the findings and recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General, particularly the need to continue emergency relief operations pending a comprehensive needs-assessment mission to all parts of Liberia which will result in a unified appeal and a concerted plan of action for the relief and rehabilitation of Liberia,

Recognizing the increasing number of voluntary returnees to Liberia and the enormous burden this has placed on the country's infrastructure and fragile economy,

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3/ Report of the Secretary-General A/46/431.

Concerned that despite the efforts made to provide the necessary material and financial assistance for the Liberian refugees and relocation of displaced persons, the situation still remains precarious and has serious implications for the long-term development process of Liberia as well as those West African countries hosting Liberian refugees,

Recognizing the heavy burden placed on the people and Government of Malawi and the sacrifices they are making in caring for the refugees, given the country's limited social services and infrastructure, and the need for adequate international assistance to enable them to continue their efforts to provide assistance to the refugees,

Gravely concerned about the continuing serious social and economic impact of the massive presence of these refugees and displaced persons, as well as its far-reaching consequences for the country's long-term development process,

Bearing in mind the findings and recommendations of the Inter-Agency Mission to Malawi, particularly on the need to strengthen the country's socio-economic infrastructure in order to enable it to provide for the immediate humanitarian relief requirements of the refugees, as well as the long-term national development needs of the country,

Recognizing the need to view refugee-related development projects within local and national development plans,

Convinced also that there is an urgent need for the international community to extend maximum and concerted assistance to southern African countries sheltering refugees, returnees and displaced persons and also to highlight the plight of these persons,

Welcoming with appreciation that the High Commissioner has continued in 1990 and 1991 to organize and implement programmes for educational and other appropriate assistance for student refugees in the southern African region,

Expressing its appreciation to the Governments of Botswana, Lesotho, Mozambique, Swaziland, Zambia and Zimbabwe for the cooperation that they have extended to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees on matters concerning the welfare of student refugees,

1. Takes note of the reports of the Secretary-General 1/ and the High Commissioner for Refugees; 2/

2. Expresses its appreciation to the Secretary-General, the High Commissioner, donor countries and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations for their assistance in mitigating the plight of the large number of refugees, returnees and displaced persons;

3. Commends the Governments concerned for providing assistance to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and their efforts in promoting voluntary repatriation and other measures taken in order to find appropriate and lasting solutions;

4. Expresses deep concern at the serious and far-reaching consequences of the massive presence of refugees and displaced persons in the countries concerned and the implications for their long-term socio-economic development;

5. Expresses the hope that additional resources will be made available for general refugee programmes to keep pace with refugee needs;

6. Appeals to Member States, international organizations and non-governmental organizations to provide adequate material, financial and technical assistance for relief and rehabilitation programmes for the large number of refugees, voluntary returnees and displaced persons and victims of natural disasters;

7. Calls upon the Secretary-General and the High Commissioner to continue their efforts to mobilize humanitarian assistance for the relief, repatriation, rehabilitation and resettlement of refugees, returnees and displaced persons;

8. Requests the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to mobilize adequate financial and material assistance for the full implementation of ongoing projects in rural and urban areas affected by the presence of refugees, returnees and displaced persons;

9. Also requests the High Commissioner to continue her efforts with the appropriate United Nations agencies and intergovernmental, governmental and non-governmental organizations in order to consolidate and increase essential services to refugees, returnees and displaced persons;

10. Further requests the Secretary-General to study and assess the environmental socio-economic impact of the prolonged presence of refugees in the host countries with a view to rehabilitating those areas;

11. Requests the Secretary-General to submit a comprehensive and consolidated report on all aspects of the present resolution to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session, through the Economic and Social Council, on the implementation of the present resolution under the sub-item "Questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons".

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NARCOTIC DRUGS

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Implementation of the Global Programme of Action against illicit production, supply, demand, trafficking and distribution of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 44/16 of 1 November 1989, 44/141 of 15 December and 45/148 of 18 December 1990, as well as Economic and Social Council resolution 1990/84 of 27 July 1990,

Fully aware that the international community is confronted with the dramatic problem of drug abuse and the illicit cultivation, production, demand, processing, distribution and trafficking of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and that States need to work at the international level as well as individually to deal with this scourge,

Stressing the important role of the United Nations, its relevant bodies and the specialized agencies in the fight against drug abuse at the national, regional and international levels,

Recalling the Political Declaration and Global Programme of Action adopted by the General Assembly at its seventeenth special session on 23 February 1990, 1/

Emphasizing the continuing importance and validity of the Declaration 2/ and the Comprehensive Multidisciplinary Outline of Future Activities in Drug Abuse Control, 3/ as adopted by the International Conference on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, and the Declaration adopted at the World Ministerial Summit to Reduce the Demand for Drugs and to Combat the Cocaine Threat, held in London from 9 to 11 April 1990, 4/

1. Reaffirms its commitment expressed in the Global Programme of Action and the Comprehensive Multidisciplinary Outline of Future Activities in Drug Abuse Control;

2. Calls upon States to take all possible steps to promote and implement individually and in cooperation with other States the mandates and recommendations contained in the Global Programme of Action, with a view to translating the Programme into practical action to the widest possible extent at the national, regional and international levels;

3. Requests the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and in particular the United Nations International Drug Control Programme to promote and continuously monitor the implementation of the Global Programme of Action;

4. Calls upon the United Nations and its relevant bodies, the specialized agencies, other relevant intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations to extend their cooperation and assistance to States in the promotion and implementation of the Global Programme of Action;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to report annually to the General Assembly on activities taken by the United Nations International Drug Control Programme and Governments relating to the implementation of the Global Programme of Action.

1/ Resolution S-17/2, annex.

2/ See Report of the International Conference on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, Vienna, 17-27 June 1989 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.87.I.18), chap. I, sect. B.

3/ Ibid., sect. A.

4/ A/45/262, annex.